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Name: TIX, Arthur

Nationality: German

Region: Berlin

Positions: Chief of Hauptausschuss Waffen (Main Committee Weapons) of the Reichsministerium für Rüstung und Kriegsproduktion (Reich Ministry of Armament and War Production). Member of the Management Board (Mitglied des Vorstands) of Bochumer Verein für Gusstahlfabrikation. President (Vorsitzender des Vorstands) of Hannoversche Maschinenfabrik AG, (Hanomag) Hannover-Linden, etc.

Birth date and place: 1897; Darmstadt.

Work and Political History: Tix is one of the comparatively unknown businessmen who was entrusted with a leading position in the German war machine, by the Nazis. Little information is available on his career and business connections. During World War I, Tix served in the army as a lieutenant. Subsequently he studied at the Technische Hochschule in Darmstadt, where he received his engineering diploma. At the age of twenty-five he became an industrial engineer at the cast steel mills of the Bochumer Verein für Gusstahlfabrikation (stock-capital RM 10,000,000), one of the larger German steel mills which has become part of the Vereinigte Stahlwerke AG (Steel Trust). Tix worked his way up in the company. In 1929 he became head of the rolling mill (Walzwerkchef). In 1934 he became plant manager (Betriebsdirektor) and in 1939 Head Manager (leitender Direktor). By 1943 he had become a member of the Management Board (Mitglied des Vorstands).

According to German newspaper reports he became "head of a large steel products enterprise" in 1942. Although it could not be determined which firm these reports refer to, it might be the Hannoversche Maschinenfabrik AG (Hanomag), Hannover-Linden, of which Tix was reported to be the President (Vorsitzender des Vorstands) in 1943. As of the same date he was also a member of the Board of Directors (Mitglied des Aufsichtsrats) of the Bayerische Motorenwerke AG, Munich.

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Said to be an excellent organizer with great technical knowledge, Tix, in 1943, was called into the Reichsministerium für Rüstung und Kriegsproduktion (Reich Ministry of Armament and War Production), where he heads the Hauptausschuss Waffen (Main Committee Weapons), thus exercising decisive control over the German production of weapons. Since the reorganization of German economic controls in 1942 and 1943, the Reich Ministry of Armament and War Production has been the dominant agency in industrial production. The Hauptausschuss Waffen (Main Committee Weapons) is one of twenty-one Main Committees operating under the Ministry for the organization and supervision of the production of every type of equipment necessary to carry on the war. Subordinated to the Main Committee Weapons are twenty-two Special Committees (Sonderausschüsse) covering all types of weapons (heavy rifles, flame throwers, howitzers, flak, Luftwaffe, infantry and naval equipment, etc.etc.)

In recognition of his services in behalf of the German war effort Tix was awarded the Knight's Cross of the War Merit Cross with Swords in the summer of 1944.

Summary:

By virtue of his position as head of the Main Committee Weapons in the Reich Ministry of Armament and War Production and as President of the Hanomag and Managing director of the Bochumer Verein, Tix must be considered one of the responsible leaders of the Nazi war economy.

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